GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2135
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2008
RAIL ACCIDENT IN KOVAI DISTRICT OF TAMIL NADU
Dhanaraju Dr. K.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that three elephants died in a rail accident recently in Kovai District in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether anti collision devices are capable of detecting elephants and other similar objects on the track;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken to avert such accidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Such accident had taken place on 4.2.08 with a passenger train No. 631/A -Erode-Palakkad Town between Podanur Jn. and Madukarai station.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Instruction has been issued for special caution orders to train Drivers wherever there is a possibility of such elephants crossing the railway tracks.